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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re application of: Paul A. Griffin

Application No.: 09/607,488

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Examiner: Samir Anwar Ahmed

Group: 2623

Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM OF  
TRANSITIVE MATCHING FOR OBJECT  
RECOGNITION, IN PARTICULAR FOR  
BIOMETRIC SEARCHES



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**AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of April 13, 2004 and the Advisory Action of November 9, 2004, please amend the subject application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which being on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.